IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1470 OF 2005

Ashok Madhavsingh Rajpute & Anr. ..Applicants.

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra ..Respondent.

Shri V. Z. Kankaria for the Applicants.
Shri R.Y.Mirza, APP for the Respondent State.

CORAM : A.M.KHANWILKAR, J.
DATED : MARCH 10, 2005

PC :-

1. Heard counsel for the parties.

2. As there is sufficient material to indicate the complicity of the applicants in the commission of the crime and as they have been named by the prosecution witnesses Ganesh Jaware and Girish Patil, who are the independent persons as well as evidence of Gopalji Bhanshali, not a case for bail. In view of the seriousness of the offence, I see no reason to depart from the conclusion reached by the lower court in rejecting the bail application as preferred by the present applicant.

3. Learned APP has also invited my attention to the fact that there are antecedents against the applicant being named in the offences of similar type. Hence, dismissed.

4. As prayer for bail is rejected, it is appropriate that the lower court is directed to expedite the trial. In the circumstance, the Sessions Judge, Thane is directed to assign the case to the fast track court, if already not done, so as to ensure early disposal of the trial as High Court expedited case.

5. Application is disposed of in the above terms.

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